

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for inputting time and date in a video environment, comprising:  
displaying one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and ends,  
wherein the slide knob may be pulled with a user input device;  
displaying within the slide knob a desired setting, wherein the setting  
comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds; and  
displaying a range limit for an end of each slider.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying a slide  
knob, where a slide knob's position between the ends of each slider corresponds  
to the desired setting's proximity to the range limit.
3. A device for inputting time and date in a video environment, comprising:  
one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and ends, wherein the slide  
knob may be pulled with a user input device;  
a displaying within the slide knob indicating a desired setting, wherein the  
setting comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds;  
and  
a range limit display at each end of each slider.

1 4. The device according to claim 3, further comprising a slide knob, where a  
2 slide knob's position between the ends of each slider corresponds to the desired  
3 setting's proximity to the range limit.

1 5. The device according to claim 4, wherein the device is used to select a  
2 start time of a video program.

1 6. The device according to claim 5, wherein the slider indicated a series of  
2 programs to be viewed.

1 7. A system for inputting time and date in a video environment, comprising:  
2 means for displaying one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and  
3 ends, wherein the slide knob may be pulled with a user input  
4 device;  
5 means for displaying within the slide knob a desired setting, wherein the  
6 setting comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds;  
7 and  
8 means for displaying a range limit for an end of each slider.

1 8. The system according to claim 7, further comprising means for displaying  
2 a slide knob, where a slide knob's position between the ends of each slider  
3 corresponds to the desired setting's proximity to the range limit.

1 9. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of  
2 instructions for inputting time in a video environment, said plurality of instructions  
3 when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform  
4 displaying one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and ends,  
5 wherein the slide knob may be pulled with a user input device;  
6 displaying within the slide knob a desired setting, wherein the setting  
7 comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds; and  
8 displaying a range limit for an end of each slider.

1 10. The computer-readable medium of claim 9 having stored thereon  
2 additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer,  
3 cause said computer to further perform displaying a slide knob, where a slide  
4 knob's position between the ends of each slider corresponds to the desired  
5 setting's proximity to the range limit.